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The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, the deadline for which is extended by a concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time.

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An **Appendix** including a verified translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-213873, to which this application, through its U.S. parent (Application Serial No. 10/193,207) claims priority, is attached following page 2 of this paper.